

DRAFT* 2013-2014 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events *DRAFT

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In Cooperation with New Jersey Department of Education

Details on events are made available to every teacher of agriculture at least one month before the event on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board: <http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm>. Due dates for applications are absolute. Applications must be postmarked by the date indicated or they will not be accepted. Pre-registration with payment by due dates is required. Applications, registrations and announcements outlined in this calendar can be accessed through the State Activity Guide on the NJ Agricultural Education website. All registrations should be sent to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us. *If a deadline falls on the weekend or a holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day. Member of the Month applications must be physically in the office by 2:00 pm on the day of the state meeting.

2013

- September 1
Sunday* **September Member of the Month Applications due (5.001)**
- September 9
Monday **State Association Monthly Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
- September 11
Wednesday **Pre-registration for Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference due**
Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference, and State Greenhand Conference (6.000b)
- September 13-15
Fri. - Sun. **Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events**
Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA.
- September 20
Friday **Registration for Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference due**
- September 23
Monday **State FFA Executive Board Work Session**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
- September 27
 Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference
Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
- New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting** (following Ag Ed Conference)
- September 27
Friday **Star State Award Applications Due**
(Greenhand – 14.016a and Chapter – 14.016b)
- September 30
Monday **Program Affiliation Contracts Due**
- October 1
Monday **October Member of the Month Applications due (5.001)**
- Chapter Officer List due (1.004a)**
CHAPTER OFFICER NAMES, ADDRESSES, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS
(REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)
- October 7
Monday **State FFA Association Monthly Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm

Reminder: Collect Ag Education Student Information Data (due May 15)

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October 8 Tuesday	State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
October 9 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
October 11 Friday	Pre-registration for Fall Career Development Events due (7.000b)
October 11-12 Fri. – Sat.	Leadership Experience and Development Conference Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference, and State Greenhand Conference, Crowne Plaza Monroe/South Brunswick, Monroe Township, NJ
Oct. 30-Nov. 2 Wed. - Sat.	85th National FFA Convention and National FFA Career Development Events Indianapolis, IN
November 1 Friday	Membership Roster Due Using Ag Career Network
November 1 Friday	November Member of the Month Application due (5.001)
November 4 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
November 6 Wednesday	Pre-registration for 212^o Conference due (9.003a)
November	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
November 14 Thursday	Fall Career Development Events , School of Environmental and Biological Sciences 9:30 am -1:30 pm 1. Land Judging 2. Milk Quality and Products 3. Turf Management 4. Fruits and Vegetables Identification
November Saturday	New Jersey FFA Alumni Turkey Trot 5K Veterans Park (Kuser Road Entrance), Hamilton, NJ 9:30 am - TBA
November 18 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
December 1 Sunday	December Member of the Month Application due (5.001) Program of Activities due (1.004b) (REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS)
December 2 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
December 3-7 Tues. - Sat.	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention Las Vegas, NV
December 7 Saturday	212^o Conference Rutgers University 9:00 am – 9:30 pm
December 11 Wednesday	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

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December 16
Monday
State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

2014

January 1
Wednesday
January Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

January 6
Monday
State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 9:00 am

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January 8
Wednesday
Pre-registration for State Officer Candidate School due (9.004a)

January 14
Tuesday
State FFA Foundation Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

January 17
Friday
State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop, Rutgers EcoComplex
1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, 6:00 pm

January 20
Monday
State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

January 21
Tuesday
New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting
Online Meeting, 5:00 pm

January 25
Saturday
State Officer Candidates' School, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st Floor Auditorium, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
(Snow date: February 1)

February 1
Saturday
February Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

Pre-registration for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event due (2.001a)

Chapter Nominations for Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award due to State Office (Honorary – 14.019 and Distinguished – 14.018)

February 3
Monday
State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm

February
Tuesday – Thur.
New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention
Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ

February
Wednesday
New Jersey Ag Ed Advisory Council Meeting (at State Ag Convention)
Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ 1:30 pm

February 12
Wednesday
State Alumni Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

February 12
Wednesday
Pre-registration for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE due (13.003a)
(NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION)

February 15-22
Sat. – Sat.
National FFA Week – Chapter promotion of FFA

February 17
Monday
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February 20 Thursday	Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ (Snow date: March 7)
February 27- March 2 Thursday-Sunday	State Officer Fuel-Up Conference State Convention Planning Arrowhead Lake, PA
March 1 Saturday	March Member of the Month application due (5.001) Pre-registration for Online Farm Business Management, Forestry, Meat Evaluation and Agronomy CDEs due (10.000a)
March 1 Saturday	Landscape Design Plans (13.004) due into the State Office
March 3 Monday	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
March 15 Saturday	Nominating Committee Application Due (14.004)
March 15 Saturday	State and American Degree Applications are due (State Degree – 14.007) Proficiency Award Applications Due – available on www.ffa.org
March 14 Friday	Floral Design Career Development Event Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 10:00 am
March 14-16 Fri. - Sun.	NJ FFA Horticultural Expo Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550
March 17 Monday	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture Webinar
March	New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm
March 19 Wednesday	Farm Business Management, Forestry, Meat Evaluation and Agronomy CDEs Administered Online (MyCAERT.com)
March 21 Friday	Pre-registration for Spring Career Development Events due (13.001a)
March 25 Tuesday	Proficiency, American & State Degree Selection Committee NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm
April 1 Tuesday	Applications are due for the following awards presented at the convention: The following applications can also be found on the New Jersey FFA Website at <ol style="list-style-type: none"> State FFA Scholarship Applications (14.008) Advisor of the Year Application (14.009) National Chapter Award Application Form I and Form II available on www.ffa.org Superior Chapter Application (National Chapter Award Form I) Most Improved Chapter Application (15.014) Member of the Year Application (5.001)

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7. **FFA Week Application** (15.013)
8. **Essay Event** (14.024) Four typewritten copies of essay need to be submitted.
9. **WLC Scholarship Application** (14.022)
10. **Blue Jackets Bright Futures Application** (14.010)
11. **Princeton Agricultural Association Leadership Award** (14.025)
12. **8,000 Hour Challenge/Outstanding Service Project Award** (14.026)
13. **National Convention Scholarship Application Due** (14.021)
14. **State Talent Application** (14.027)
15. **Video Public Relations Event** (14.028)
16. **Hall of States** (14.030)

April 1
Tuesday

Honorary American Degree For Teachers due to the State Office

Pre-registration for Livestock/Dairy Judging CDEs due (12.007b & 12.008b)

April 1
Tuesday

April Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

April 2
Wednesday

Agriscience Fair Registration, Application, and Written Report due (16.001b)

(Please note – 5 copies of the written report are due with the application) Only National Agriscience fair registrations, application and report will be accepted!

April 7
Monday

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April 8
Tuesday

State FFA Foundation Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
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April 9
Wednesday

State Alumni Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop, NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 5:00 pm

April 10
Thursday

Spring Career Development Events

School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

9:30 am -1:30 pm

1. Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems
2. Floriculture
3. Nursery/Landscape
4. Ag Sales
5. Environmental and Natural Resources
6. Veterinary Science

April 10
Thursday

Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names pre-registered for State Convention/Career Development Events due for 85th State FFA Convention. Advisor Assurance Forms are due with Convention Registration. Registration for the events listed below are due and included on the registration form.

1. **3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) (Speeches due April 10th)**

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Ten typewritten copies of speeches (**with cover page to include Title of Speech, Contestant, Chapter and State, and Name of Event**) due at State FFA Office on this date for distribution to judges. *Those who do not submit 10 copies of their speech on time will not be registered to compete.*

2. **Demonstration (Ten copies of outline Due April 10th) (14.006)**
3. **Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest**
4. **Creed**
5. **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**
6. **Portable Exhibit (14.005)**
7. **Job Interview (14.017) (Job Interview materials due April 10th)**
Ten copies of resume, cover letter and 3 letters of reference are due at State FFA Office on this date for distribution to judges. *Those who do not submit 10 copies of their materials on time will not be registered to compete.*
8. **Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio due April 10th)**
Rules
9. **Official Ceremonies (15.015)**
10. **Tractor Driving (15.002) (Safety Assurance Form due April 10th)**
(found on the convention registration form)
11. **FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)**
12. **Artwork Competition (15.018)**
13. **Teach Agriculture Event (14.029) (10 copies of Lesson Plan due April 10th)**

April-TBA
Saturday

State FFA Livestock Career Development Events
Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA, 8:15 am-3:00 pm

April-TBA
Saturday

State FFA Dairy Career Development Events
Location TBA

April-TBA

State FFA Food Science & Technology and Poultry Evaluation Career Development Events
Eastern PA FFA Day, Manheim, Pennsylvania

April 17
Thursday

Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee, NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 1st floor,
Board Room. 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

April 21
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm

April 23
Wednesday

AgriScience Fair, Rutgers EcoComplex, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

May 1
Thursday

May Member of the Month Application due (5.010)

State Officer Applications Due (15.001)

May 5
Monday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm

May 12
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 2nd Floor Room 206, 4:00 pm

May 14
Wednesday

Ag Education Student Data Information Due

May 18-19

State officer set up and practice for state convention

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Sun. - Mon.

May 20 **New Jersey Ag Ed Council Meeting** (at State FFA Convention)
Tuesday TBA, 2:00 pm

May 20 **New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting** (at State FFA Convention)
Tuesday TBA, 6:00 pm

May 20-22 **85th State FFA Convention**
Tues. - Thur. TBA

Pre-registration required. *Events to be held:*

1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003)
(Registration and 10 copies of speech Due April 10th)
2. Demonstration (14.006) (Registration and five copies of outline Due April 10th)
3. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest (Registration Due April 10th)
4. Creed (15.006) (Registration Due April 10th)
5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (Registration Due April 10th)
6. Portable Exhibit (14.005) (Application Due April 10th)
7. Job Interview (14.017) (Registration and 10 copies of materials Due April 10th)
8. Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio Due April 10th)
9. Official Ceremonies (15.015) (Registration Due April 10th)
10. Tractor Driving (15.002) (Registration and Safety Assurance Due April 10th)
11. Landscape Design (13.004) (Registration due March 1st)
12. FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)
13. Art Competition (15.018)
14. Teach Agriculture Event (14.029)
15. Hall of States Exhibit Event (14.030)

June 1 **Pre-registration for Summer Career Development Events (12.003b)**
Sunday *Horse Judging and Dairy Handlers* (To be held at Delaware State Fair)

National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due**Soybean Yield Contest Registration due**

June 1 **June Member of the Month Application due (5.001)**
Sunday

June 2 **State FFA Association Monthly Meeting**, NJ Dept. Of Agriculture
Monday 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm

June 7-8 **State Officer Leadership Training Conference**, sponsored by New Jersey FFA
Sat. - Sun. Alumni Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200

June 11 **State Alumni Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
Wednesday 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

June 16 **State FFA Executive Board Work Session**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
Monday 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

June 17 **New Jersey FFA Golf Tournament**
Tuesday Mercer Oaks, West Windsor, NJ
(*Tentative*)

June 25-27 **BLAST Off - State Officer Training Conference**
Wed. - Fri. Mercer Soil Conservation District

July 7 **State FFA Association Monthly Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
Monday 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, NJ, 1st floor Auditorium, 9 am
July 8 **State FFA Foundation Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

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Tuesday	369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
July 21	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
Monday	369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm
July 21-26	State Presidents' Conference , Washington, D.C.
Mon. – Sat.	(arrive on the 22 nd and leave on the 27 th)
Tentative	
July 22	Dairy Handlers' Career Development Event at Delaware State Fair
Tuesday	(Tentative) (Details to follow)
July 23	Horse Judging Career Development Event at Delaware State Fair (Details to follow)
Wednesday	(Tentative)
July 27 – 31	National Leadership Conference for State Officers , Delaware
Sun.-Thurs.	
August 1	National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code of Conducts Due to State Office
Friday	
August 7-9	State Officer 360° Training , TBA
Thurs. – Sat.	
August 4	State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
Monday	369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, NJ, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 9:00 am
August 13	State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
Wednesday	369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm
August 18	State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture
Monday	369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

Future National FFA Convention Dates:

Louisville, KY
 Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2013
 Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2014
 Oct. 28-31, 2015

Indianapolis, IN
 Oct. 19-22, 2016
 Oct. 25-28, 2017
 Oct. 24-27, 2018

FFA Mission Statement

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Definition of Agricultural Education for New Jersey

"Agricultural Education prepares people for careers and professional leadership in production, processing, marketing, and distribution of agricultural products, and for related careers in plant and animal technology (including aquatic life), economics, education, mechanics and engineering, natural resources and environmental technology, politics and sociology, and international relations and trade."

Definition of Supervised Agricultural Experience - SAE

"Planned, documented, practical activities conducted outside of the *classroom/laboratory instruction* time in which students develop and apply agricultural knowledge and skills." These experiences (Exploratory, Research/Experimentation and Analysis, Placement, and Ownership/Entrepreneurship) are individualized to meet the needs of a diverse student clientele, and they are supervised by teachers, employers, parents/guardians, and/or other adults who assist students in achieving their objectives.

"The New Jersey FFA

Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the state FFA constitution, bylaws or policies."